

Guardian and Conservator Services

Quick Facts:

- An **incapacitated adult** is someone who, for a variety of reasons, is incapable of making minimally adequate decisions about medical treatment or everyday life and, as a result, their health or safety are in jeopardy
- A **guardian** is an individual or organization named by the court to act as a surrogate decision maker (about medical care, housing and other matters) for an incapacitated person
- A **conservator** is a person appointed by the court to manage and protect the estate (money and property) of an incapacitated person
- Office of Public Guardian (OPG) serves as legal guardian for over 200 Utahns

The Office of Public Guardian is the state agency responsible for providing public guardianship and conservatorship services to incapacitated adults who do not have appropriate family or friends to assist/serve them. The primary purpose of guardianship is to assure the safety and well-being of an incapacitated adult.

SOME OF OUR SERVICES

- Information, referral, education and training to the community about guardianship and conservatorship
- Guardianship and conservatorship evaluations/assessments
- Limited and full guardianships and conservatorships
- Alternatives to guardianship and conservatorship

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Office of Public Guardian does not have volunteer opportunities, however, volunteer opportunities in other state offices can be found by contacting:

Utah Commission on Volunteers
1-888-755-UTAH (8824), www.volunteers.utah.gov

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION

Utah Office of Public Guardian (OPG)

801-538-8255

National Guardianship Association

1-877-326-5992, www.guardianship.org

Disability Law Center

1-800-662-9080, www.disabilitylawcenter.org

To report abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult:

1-800-371-7897 or 801-538-3567